

with those who depend upon you".

3. Once Wail son of Hajr paid a visit to Moaviya. He accorded to him a very warm welcome, and expressed his intention of fixing a generous allowance for him. But Wail said: "I have no need of any allowance. Let it be given to those, who have need for it.

4. Once (Hazrat) Osman wished to make (Hazrat) Abdullah son of Arqam a gift of thirty thousand. But he declined to accept it.

STORY 26.

DUTY TO PARENTS.

MUSLIMS did not allow religion to interfere with their social relations. They believed there ought to be no compulsion in religion. My mother is still my mother even if she is an unbeliever. My duty to her as her son, is still there. A Muslim will never displease his parents. He will serve them with a loving devotion which no other person can claim from him. This virtue is still alive in Muslim countries. Many a traveller of our own time has seen young Turks carrying their old Christian mothers to the church for Sunday Service.

(Hazrat) Abu Huraira's mother was an unbeliever. This caused him great pain, but he could not do anything. From time to time he invited her to Islam, but without effect.

One day as usual he beseeched her to embrace the true religion. But instead of believing she reviled the Prophet. It was very hard for a Muslim to hear the Prophet vilified; but he controlled himself and did not say a word to his mother. He kept perfectly quiet and with tears in his eyes went to the Prophet and exclaimed "Prophet of God pray that God may guide my mother to the right path".

2. (Hazrat) Abu Huraira's respect for his parents was so great that once he came across two